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...DO
YOU



.....

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...YES.

OH MY,
YOU'RE VISITING
MY UNCLE AT A
RATHER LATE
HOUR. YOU TWO
MUST BE CLOSE.

I'M
SURPRISED.



...YO.

HAVE
SOME
BUSINESS
WITH ME,

...PRINCE
SUI?

YOU
DON'T
HAVE TO
KEEP IT A
SECRET.

HE AND
FATHER
LOOKED
AFTER ME.

WHEN I WAS
LIVING IN
THE NEIGH-
BORING
COUNTRY.

I'M SURE HE
WILL BE
SHOCKED.

HE FINALLY
OPENED HIS
HEART TO IS
SOMEONE
WHO GOT
CLOSE ONLY
TO HURT HIM.

...YOU CAN
DO IT,
RIGHT?

MUST AGREE
WITH ALL YOUR
AGENTS... DEAR
HIS HEART
SWEET...

IF MY SHY
BROTHER
LEARNS THE
PERSON

I ALREADY
KNOW ABOUT
YOUR AND
UNCLE'S PLAN.

NOW THAT
YOU KNOW,
WHAT DO
YOU INTEND
TO DO?

PRINCE
SUI...

WHAT IN
THE
WORLD...

STIRRED
YOU TO
PLAY THE
VILLAIN?



...IT'S A
SIMPLE
MATTER.



I have
to chase
after him
quickly...!
If I
don't...

What
should I
do?!

NAGI
...!



...AYATO...

!

I HAVE TO
LEAVE!

I WILL TELL THE
KING AND THEN
LEAVE THE CASTLE
IMMEDIATELY!

tomorrow
morning,
Nagi
will...!



ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

I CAME
TO SEE
YOU...

WH-WHY
ARE YOU
HERE?!

HU...

HUGO?!



SWIP!

OH!

Y...

YOUR
CLOTHES...



CLENCH!

TH...

THIS
IS...

SOMEONE
ATTACKED
YOU...

...DON'T
TELL
ME...

N-

NO!



Heh!

IT'D HAVE
TO BE
THAT...

NO ONE WOULD
ATTACK ANYONE
WITH A STRANGE
BODY LIKE YOURS.

...I SEE.

AND IT GOT
CAUGHT ON
SOME
FURNITURE.
THAT'S ALL.

IT'S
JUST THAT
I WAS
CARELESS



...AAH.

THEN WHY
WERE YOU
TRIFLING WITH
ME SO MUCH?

DID YOU
JUST CALL
MY BODY
S-STRANGE
...?!



YOU
KNOW,
AYATO.

AFTER I
THOUGHT IT
OVER, YOUR
BODY...


I REALLY CAN'T
DEAL WITH IT.

Huh...?

I WONDER
WHY TOO...

Heh!
Heh!

WHY DID I
CONTINUE
KISSING YOU
SO CASUALLY?



NOR AM I
PREPARED TO BE
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE LIFE OF
A CROWN
PRINCE WHO
BECAME A GIRL.

I'M NOT
PATIENT
ENOUGH TO
WAIT FOR
YOU TO
BECOME A
WOMAN...

YOU SAID
YOU COULD
BECOME
FEMALE FOR
ME, BUT

UNTIL THEN,
YOU'RE MALE.
WHAT AM I
SUPPOSED TO
DO WITH YOU?

What
is he
saying
...?

HU...

GO...?

...WHAT
...?

STROKE

I'M NOT
EVEN
SURE...

WHETHER I
LIKE YOU.

HUH?!

AM I ANY
DIFFERENT
THAN

ANYONE
WHO'S LOST
THEIR MIND
BECAUSE OF
IT?

IS INDISCRIMI-
NATELY
CHARMED
...

REGARDLESS
OF WHETHER THE
PERSON IS MALE
OR FEMALE,
WHOEVER COMES
NEAR YOU

BECAUSE
OF THE
MAGNOLIA
...

No...

AYATO...

I'M NOT
REALLY IN
LOVE WITH
YOU.

THAT'S MY
CONCLU-
SION.

way...

Heh,
FORGIVE
ME.

YOU LOVE
ME... ALL
OF IT WAS...

YOU...

SAYING...

I WAS JUST
PLAYING
AROUND
WITH YOU.

Oh...
WHY WOULD
YOU THINK I'D
FALL IN LOVE
WITH A PATHETIC
PERSON LIKE YOU
IN THE FIRST
PLACE?

I CAN SAY
WORDS LIKE

"LOVE" AND
"LIKE" TO
ANYONE.



B-BUT
I

AYATO .

THANKS
FOR YOUR
FEELINGS.
BUT IT
DOESN'T
MATTER

DON'T
MAKE ME
REPEAT
MYSELF

REALLY
LOVE

EVERY-
THING UP
UNTIL
NOW. .

WAS AN
ILLUSION
CAUSED
BY THE
MAGNOLIA.

I
PROB-
ABLY

HAVEN'T
LIKED YOU
FOR EVEN A
SECOND.





WHY
HIM ?

IT MUST BE
NICE TO BE
SO CAREFREE,
YOUR
HIGHNESS.

BECAUSE HE
COULD DO IT...

BUT

I HAVE A
PROBLEM WITH
THE METHOD,
BUT I CAN
UNDERSTAND
YOUR
REASONING.

TO KEEP BIG
BROTHER ALIVE,
YOU'LL MAKE
HIM COME TO
HATE MEN.



OF COURSE
YOU
REMEMBER
WHO CAME
TO YOUR
RESCUE

THE INCIDENT
WHERE A LONE
MAID CONSPIRED
WITH HER FRIENDS
AND KIDNAPPED
AYATO FOR
RANSOM, RIGHT?

YOU
KNOW
ABOUT...

MY
KIDNAPPING?

WHILE
YOU WERE
CONFINED?

VIC
TIMS?

YOUR HAP-
PINESS IS
BUILT UPON
A PILE OF
VICTIMS

HAVE YOU
GIVEN IT
ANY
THOUGHT?



HUGO .


MOM IS SICK,
SO WHY ARE
YOU GOING
TO WORK?!

DAD!

HIS WIFE, HUGO'S
MOTHER, WAS
SUFFERING FROM A
GRAVE ILLNESS AT
THE TIME AS WELL

UNDER THE
COMMAND TO
RESCUE AYATO WAS
GILMAN WOLF
HUGO'S FATHER. AT
THE TIME, HE WAS
NOT YET A GENERAL

THE PERSON
WHO WENT
TO THE CRIME
SCENE



DIED BEFORE
MY FATHER
RETURNED.

OH!



MY
MOTHER.




IT'S FINE,
HUGO.

BE A GOOD BOY
AND WAIT
UNTIL FATHER
RETURNS.

BUT HE ALSO
LOST HIS EYE
WHILE HE WAS
RISKING HIS LIFE
TO RESCUE YOU

UNABLE TO BE
THERE WHEN
MOM DIED,

NOT ONLY
WAS MY
FATHER




THE KING'S
SUSPICION CLEARED
AFTER THE OFFICIAL
INVESTIGATION
AFTER THAT, FATHER
BECAME A GENERAL.

BUT HIS
LOST EYE
AND HURT
FEELINGS
COULD NOT
BE HEALED.

I WAS
APPOINTED
AMBASSADOR
TO A
NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY, BUT
ACTUALLY I
WAS EXILED ..

GILMAN
WAS DEMOTED
AND SENT TO
THE SAME
COUNTRY
AS I WAS.



MY BROTHER
DOUBTED ME
AND WITHOUT
GROUNDS. HE
EVEN DOUBTED
GILMAN BECAUSE
HE WAS KIND TO
ME.

BECAUSE IT
WAS A FRIEND
OF MINE WHO
REFERRED THE
MAID WHO
KIDNAPPED
AYATO.



SOME-
THING
LIKE
THAT

YOU CAN'T
POSSIBLY
IMAGINE, CAN
YOU?

WHILE THE KING
WAS INVESTING A
FORTUNE TO BUILD
A SCHOOL TO
PROTECT HIS SON.

WHAT DO YOU
THINK WE WHO
HAD BEEN GIVEN
THE COLD SHOUL-
DER WHILE EXILED
IN A NEIGHBORING
COUNTRY WERE
THINKING?

Something
like that
happened
...?

TO DO THAT, I
FED YOU
SWEET LIES.

FROM THE
START, I GOT
CLOSE TO YOU
IN ORDER TO
HURT YOU.

HURTING
THE PERSON
THE KING
TREASURES
THE MOST...

THAT IS
...

I WAS NEVER
IN LOVE WITH
YOU FOR A
SECOND.

it was
this .

Earlier
when
Hugo was
talking
about his
mother's
death .

MY SMALL
BIT OF
RETRIBUTION
AIMED AT
THE KING.

Hugo
was

OH !!

That
alone is
heart-
breaking

I understand
the pain of
losing a
mother
during child-
hood too


THERE'S
NOTHING I
CAN DO.

BUT.

I'M
SORRY..
I .

DIDN'T
KNOW
ANYTHING

HUGO. !



EVEN IF
YOUR PAIN
IS EASED A
LITTLE,

THEN
HURT ME AS
MUCH AS
YOU WANT

IF HURTING
ME...
BRINGS
YOU SOME
MEASURE OF
COMFORT...

I'M

FINE
WITH IT.

Hugo
....!

TCH
...



I WAS
EXPECTING
YOU

NOK
NOK

COME IN

.....



!

NAGI
CAME A
LITTLE
WHILE AGO

SO...

...



NAGI
DIDN'T DO
ANYTHING
BAD.

IT'S
JUST..

DON'T
WANT HIM
TO QUIT!

I...

WHAT DO
YOU WANT
TO DO ABOUT
IT?



NAGI'S
RESOLVE IS
STEELED.

IF YOU
REALLY
DON'T WANT
HIM TO
LEAVE,

THEN MAKE
TIME TO TALK
TO HIM AGAIN
TOMORROW.



I SEE...
BUT

THAT HE WAS
KINDA HALF
ASLEEP...



DAD.

UM.

HURRY UP
AND GO TO
BED.

ALL RIGHT,
IT'S ALREADY
LATE.



AYATO?

CHAK

!



I'LL...

ACCEPT THE
MARRIAGE
MEETINGS.





YOUR
HIGHNESS

MY
MIND'S

BEEN STUCK
ON WHAT YOU
STARTED TO
SAY YESTER-
DAY..

NAGI... I

THIS IS HOW
SOMEONE LIKE
ME TAKES
RESPONSI-
BILITY

PLEASE
RELEASE ME.

NAGI!

DASH!

PLEASE
RELEASE
ME...!

PRINCE
AYATO...!

IF YOU
LEAVE ME
TOO...

WHAT WILL
I DO?!

NO!

YOU
MUSTN'T
GO!

!



NAGI... I'M
BEGGING
YOU!

...
PRINCE
AYATO.
PLEASE
STOP.

YOUR
HIGHNESS
... I.

I...!

BA-BMP!

!

PLEASE
...

DON'T
LEAVE ME
ALONE!



I'VE

FALLEN IN
LOVE WITH
YOU!

.....



I SCARED YOU
AND I HURT
YOU
I'M AFRAID
I'LL...!

...NA...

GI



IT MUST BE
NICE TO BE
SO CAREFREE
YOUR
HIGHNESS

it's just
as he
said...

Yes...

I CAN'T BE
BY YOUR
SIDE ANY
LONGER

PLEASE...

PLEASE
RELEASE ME...
YOUR
HIGHNESS!

NAGI...

I don't
know
anything



I wonder
why a
prince...

YOUR
HIGHNESS
!

was born
with a
body like
this...

I didn't
know

I was
hurting
so many
people!

BECAUSE
OF MY
DISGUST-
ING BODY

IT'S...



Nagi
has...

IS IT...

BECAUSE
OF MY
BODY?

always
been by
my side
...

...THE
MAGNOLIA
?

"It's because of the Magnolia." That's what I told myself countless times, but these feelings would not disappear...

Perhaps the Magnolia...

AND..

I NEVER ONCE THOUGHT OF YOU AS DISGUSTING,

IT'S MY FAULT...

IT'S NOT, YOUR HIGHNESS.

NO...

I'm sure since back then...

was an occasion for me to become aware of the feelings I had completely suppressed...

I'M SURE...

TUP

I FELL IN LOVE WITH YOU

WHEN WE FIRST MET.

NAGI...?



I WANT TO
CLEAR UP LAST
NIGHT'S MIS-
UNDERSTAND-
ING...

OH!...

NAGI...



YOU SAID
YOU SCARED
ME, BUT ...
WHAT I
WAS REALLY
SCARED OF
WASN'T YOU .

MISUNDER-
STANDING?



THERE WAS

AN INCIDENT
THAT MOTIVATED
MY FATHER TO
ASSIGN A BODY
GUARD ONLY TO
ME

DO YOU WANT
TO SNEAK OUT
AND SEE THE
CAPITAL CITY?

AN
INCIDENT
?

YOUR
HIGHNESS.

EVEN NOW,
YOU STILL
HAVE NIGHT-
MARES.

YES.

DO YOU
REMEMBER?
WHEN I WAS
A CHILD.

I HATED
SLEEPING
IN MY
BED .

COME
NOW.
HURRY
UP!

WOW!

IT'S A
SECRET
FROM THE
KING

THERE ARE
A LOT MORE
PEOPLE HERE
THAN
INSIDE THE
CASTLE!

DON'T LET
GO OF MY
HAND !

OH!

OVER
HERE.

Huh?

By the time
I realized
what was
happening,
I was being
tied up!...

HUH ?

BE A GOOD
BOY AND

DON'T
STRUGGLE.
CROWN
PRINCE!

!



UGH

Even though I waited and waited, no one came to rescue me... I was so scared

YOU'RE SO SCARED

I FEEL SORRY FOR YOU

STROKE



I was locked in a small dusty room...

A lone man always kept an eye on me...

COME ON, HAVE SOME WATER.



HNN!!

CREEK!

PRINCE AYATO...

YOU'RE SO CUTE...



IF I HAD TO KILL YOU...

I'M SURE YOU'LL GROW INTO A BEAUTIFUL ADULT. IT'D REALLY BE A SHAME.

INDEED, YOUR SKIN IS BEAUTIFUL... JUST LIKE AN ANGEL'S...

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AFRAID ...

I'M ONLY GOING TO TOUCH YOU...

HNN!!

idwompi

TCH

HNN!!

CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER

!

CLATTER
CLATTER
SLAM!

CLATTER

SILENCE...

CHAKI!

PRINCE
AYATO!



AT THAT
TIME I WAS
JUST
SCARED...

I DIDN'T
KNOW
WHETHER
GENERAL
GILMAN WAS
AN ENEMY OR
AN ALLY.

AFTER THAT
I WAS SCARED
OF SLEEPING
IN A BED

AND MY
WORRIED
FATHER HIRED A
BODYGUARD
FOR ME

THE
PRINCE IS
SAFE!




AT THAT
TIME. .

HUGO'S
MOTHER
DIED OF AN
ILLNESS...

AND..

HE LOST ONE
OF HIS EYES
WHILE SAVING
ME.




AS AN ACT
OF REVENGE
TOWARD MY
FATHER

HUGO

ONLY GOT
CLOSE TO ME
SO HE COULD
HURT ME

WHAT?!



...GENERAL
GILMAN
COULDN'T BE
THERE FOR
HER DEATH!

..PRINCE
AYATO..





I HEARD
PRINCE
AYATO IS
GOING TO
HAVE

MARRIAGE
MEETINGS
WITH SEVERAL
FIANCEE
CANDIDATES

FUTURE
PRINCESS
CANDIDATES!
HOW
WONDERFUL!

HEY, COME
TO THINK
OF IT

PASS



TONK TONK



Reference
Room



AND. ?

IT'S A
SIMPLE
MATTER.

NOW THAT
YOU KNOW,
WHAT DO
YOU INTEND
TO DO?

...

AND THEN
BREAK UP
WITH HIM.

I WANT YOU
TO HURT BIG
BROTHER SO
MUCH HE'LL
NEVER WANT TO
SEE YOU AGAIN.

ACCORDING
TO UNCLE'S
ORIGINAL
PLAN,

...

TO PROTECT
PRINCE
AYATO IN
YOUR EYES?

IS THIS
THE BEST
PLAN

FROM
THE START,
THAT WAS
THE INTEN-
TION, SO

HOWEVER,
I'M NOT AS
PATIENT AS
MY UNCLE.

BIG BROTHER
MUST BECOME
A MAN.

YES.

IT
SHOULDN'T
BE DIFFICULT,
RIGHT?

I WANT
YOU TO DO
IT AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE.
TONIGHT, IF
YOU COULD.

...



MAGNOLIA
FEMALES HAVE
SHORT LIVES.

OUR
MOTHER...
DIED AT THE
AGE OF 27.

YOU
PROBABLY
HEARD THIS
FROM MY
UNCLE, BUT...

IF YOU INTEND
TO APPROACH
BIG BROTHER
AGAIN EVEN
THOUGH YOU
UNDERSTAND
THE
SITUATION

THE
SITUATION
?

!

I KNOW YOU
REALLY STARTED
TO BE ATTRACTED
TO BIG BROTHER.

NO MATTER
HOW MUCH
YOU LIE AND
STRUGGLE TO
DENY IT,

THE
MAGNOLIA'S
TEMPTATION
IS STRONG



When
I saw
his
hurt
face

I
thought
I'd
feel
more
relieved

SO IF
YOU CARE
EVEN THE
LEAST BIT
FOR HIM,

AND DON'T
WANT TO
KILL HIM,

YOU
SHOULD
STAY AWAY
FROM MY
BROTHER.



TONK TONK

SLIDE

CHATTER

RUMBLE

RUMBLE RUMBLE

?!

My body...
feels like
lead

My head
hurts

HNN

AYA

TO

TO

What in
the world...
happened to
me?

Ayato
....!!

!

WHAT
THE
HELL

HAP-
PENED?!

!

...HUGO?!

RING
RING
RING
RING

PLIP

An earth-
quake?!

AN EARTHQUAKE
HAS JUST
OCCURRED

STUDENTS WHO
ARE ON CAMPUS,
IN ACCORDANCE
TO YOUR
TEACHER'S
INSTRUCTION,
QUICKLY TAKE
REFUGE PLEASE

I REPEAT
STUDENTS WHO
ARE ON CAMPUS.

HUGO
...?!

DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
ME...

YOU'RE
HURT!

THIS IS MY
PUNISHMENT
FOR HURTING
YOU...

HURRY
UP AND
GO!

YOU HAVE
TO GET OUT
OF HERE...
MY ARMS
ARE AT
THEIR
LIMIT...

B-
BUT...!

SO
PLEASE...

HURRY UP
AND GO!



YOU REALLY
DON'T GET
IT !

ATONEMENT
AND THE LIKE
DON'T MATTER
TO ME!

GUH!
GUH!

LET ME
ATONE.

AYATO

THERE'S
NO WAY!

URG
I CAN'T



BUT I

EVEN THOUGH
YOU HATE ME

I'M STILL

AUGH!!
GUH!
GUH!

GLAD I
FELL IN
LOVE
WITH
YOU!!

YOUR
HIGH-
NESS

PRINCE
AYATO ??



Nagi's
voice!

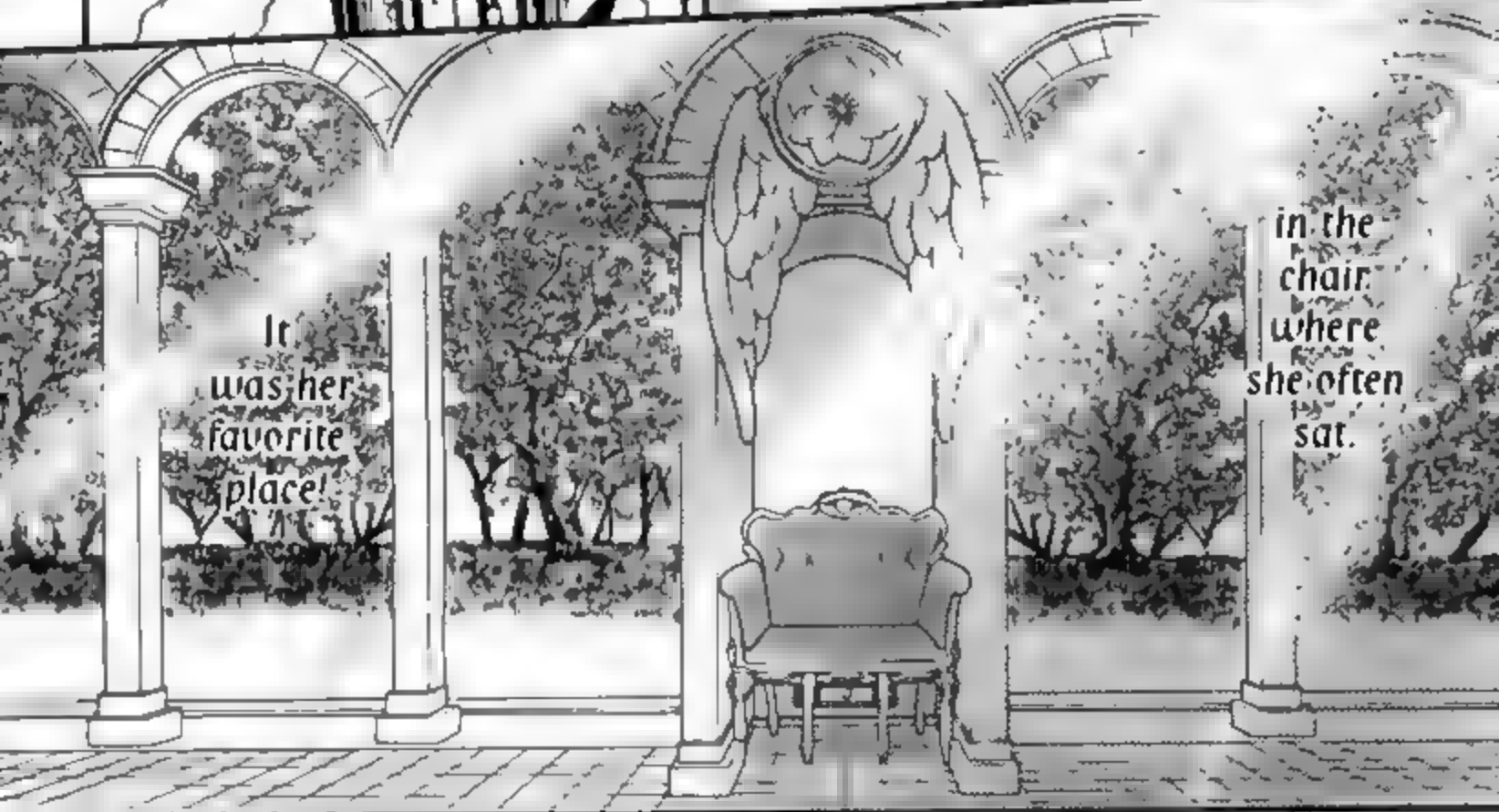
...Mother?




"Ayato..."









Thank you
for finding
this, Ayato

This is my
final letter to
you

Ayato...

SHFF...

I found
it...

Mom's
letter!

ARE YOU
HURT?

I ONLY
LIGHTLY
HIT MY
HEAD!

I.. I...
I'M FINE


...OH!

HUGO...!

an important story
about the special
wings on your back
disappearing after
you fall in love with
someone

Do you
remember?

When you were
little, I told
only you three.



There's still
more to that
story.. When
you fall in love
with someone,

DIDN'T YOU
SAVE ME?

DON'T
SAY SOME
THING SO
RIDICU-
LOUS.

HUH?

THANK
YOU...

FOR
SAVING
ME.

from time to
time, there will be
difficulties and pain
that you've never
experienced before.

But don't
be afraid

NOW.

I WANT TO
SPEAK
WORDS OF
TRUTH TO
YOU.

PRINCE
AYATO... I...

HU-

HUGO. ?

I DON'T EXPECT
YOU TO FORGIVE
ME FOR WHAT'S
HAPPENED UP
UNTIL NOW.

.. BUT



I LOVE
YOU.


...HUGO...

Mother...!

Oh...

Listen
Ayato...

When that time
comes, you will
gain a different,
larger pair of
wings.



When you spread
your large wings,
I'll be able to see
you radiating.

OH MY!

WHAT A
FABULOUS
FLOWER
SHOWER!!

I WAS
WORRIED,
AND WHEN
I WENT TO
LOOK...

PRINCE
AYATO!!!

OWAH!!!

Good for
you!



UH-OH!!

Soon...
very
soon...

YEAH...

"IT'S BEEN 20
YEARS SINCE
THE LAST
EARTHQUAKE"

PERHAPS
YOU'RE
THINKING,



I'M THE ONE
AT FAULT.

OVER
ANGELA'S
DEATH.

I HADN'T REALIZED
HOW MUCH YOU
WERE AGONIZING



THAT'S
TRUE,
ISN'T
IT...

THERE HASN'T
BEEN ONE
SINCE THE DAY
YOU PROPOSED
TO ANGELA.



NO...

I'M SORRY,
BROTHER...

MY ATTEMPT TO
PROTECT AYATO
TURNED OUT
OPPOSITE OF WHAT
I PLANNED...

YOUR
HIGHNESS.

I wish for
you... and
your dear
friends

to always be
happy.

Angela

I'M
SORRY...

BROTHER...

UH...
UMM
...

IT'S TIME FOR
YOUR DEBUT.
LET'S GO.

COME
ON,

...YOU CAN
DO IT!

!

THE END